

## REMARKS

Initially, applicant thanks the Examiner for finding allowable subject matter in pending Claim 26.

To expedite prosecution of the allowable claim(s), applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 3 and 5-25, amended Claim 26 to include all of the limitations of Claim 1, and added new Claims 27-42 (which are rewritten Claims 3 and 5-25 to depend from amended Claim 26). Importantly, applicant has not cancelled Claims 1, 3 and 5-25 for any substantial reason related to patentability as discussed by the Supreme Court in *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd.*, 122 S. Ct. 1831 (2002). Applicant reserves the right to prosecute all cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the present invention represents a patentable contribution to the art and that Claims 26-42 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is accordingly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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